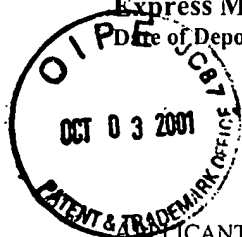


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APPLICANTS: Vernet et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/800,198 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
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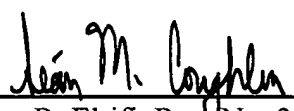
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed April 25, 2001 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 25, 2001. A check in the amount of \$720.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-697 (CURA-197). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 3, 2001


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